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HELD DYING BOY ON CAR ROOF.

HIDE OF RUNAWAYS ON CENTRAL TRAIN THROUGH TUNNEL.

Stationmen Find the Youngsters on Top of a Milk Car-One's Skull Had Been Broken and the Other, Though Injured, Kept Him From Falling Off.

On the roof of a car of an Albany local train which pulled into the Grand Central Station early yesterday morning were two boys, one unconscious and dying. His head had hit the roof of the Park avenue tunnel and his skull was fractured.

The other boy, himself injured and bleedng, had held the dying boy on the roof brough the rest of the trip and had saved him from being cut to pieces. The injured boy died, however, an hour after being taken to the hospital. The fellow who held him

on will recover. Edward Gilday of 370 West Twelfth street was the boy who was killed. His companion was Arthur Stretcher, who lives with his stepfather, Patrick Cassidy, at 204 West Thirteenth street. The Gilday boy was 13 and the other lad a year older. The two were cousins and both have had

the runaway habit. On Friday young Gilday told his folks that he was going to visit an aunt in West Orange. He sent back word later by another boy that he would be home on Saturday and for his family not to worry. He had been to West Orange before, or they thought he had, and they didn't pay much attention to his absence.

Instead of going to West Orange, the Gilday boy met his cousin, and they decided to take a trip out of town. They slept in a hallway on Friday night and the next morning went to Thirtieth street and Eleventh avenue. They stole a ride first on one freight train and then on another, until they reached Poughkeepsie, where they got off.

The rest of the day they spent in Poughkeepsie looking for a ball game, according to the Stretcher boy. They didn't find one, he said, and toward night they decided to come home. The train they selected was No. 80, an Albany local, which leaves Poughkeepsie at 10:10 P. M. It is made up of passenger coaches, a baggage car and several milk cars.

The boys boarded it at Camelot, ten miles below Poughkeepsie. Between there and the Grand Central Station the train makes few stops. This was the story of the ride as told by the Stretcher boy to Coroner Scholer at Flower Hospital yesterday:

Eddie and I walked to the next station from Poughkeepsie because the yardmen there caught us tryin' to board a freight and chased us away. Just as we got to the next station a train pulled in and I says to Eddie: 'Eddie, here's our chance.'

Then I boosted him up on the bumper and got up myself just as the train was startin'. Eddie, he climbs up the ladder to the roof and I follow him. You see we were afraid to stay on the bumper 'cause we would be seen at the stations. On the roof we laid down flat and held on and it was all right. I wanted to get off at Mott Haven, but Eddie says that was too far

away, so we held on. "It was dark and drizzly and it made us scared when the train got goin' fast, after crossin' the bridge. When I saw the tun-nel comin' I told Eddie to lay down flat and hold en. I laid down on my stomach and held on with one hand to the edge of the car roof and to Eddie with the other.

"The tunnel looked awful black and when we went in I couldn't see Eddie, only feel within an inch of our heads. I felt Eddie move and I hollered to him to keep his head down, but I guess he didn't hear me He kind of got up on his knees and the next thing he fell over on me so hard that I fell over the edge of the roof. I hit the bumper and my hand struck the iron ladder and I held on.

'The train was goin' so fast that I was afraid to climb up. Then I thought of Eddie on the top, and I did. When I reached the roof I put my hand out and there was Eddie lyin' on his back within a few inches of the edge and there was blood all over him. I felt things whistlin' by over my head, but I knew enough to keep close to the roof. I laid down close to Eddie and just held on then till I saw the lights and heard the men in the sta-

Nobody knew that the boys were on the roof until the passengers had got off and the train was just about to back out into the yard. Then Policeman Miller thought he heard groans, and men went along the train with lanterns trying to locate the sounds. When they got to one of the milk car

they heard the Stretcher boy calling for help. Then Miller and a lot of porters climbed up on the roof and found the two boys, the Gilday boy on his back unconscious and the other still holding on to him. with the blood pouring from his own head. "Get an ambulance quick," shouted

"These kids have ridden through Then the two boys were taken into the station to wait for the ambulance, but about all the Stretcher boy could tell then

was his own name and that of the other boy. He was too dazed to say more, and according to the station master, didn't seem to realize where he was. The Gilday boy didn't regain consciousness at all. doctors said that his skull had been fractured in several places.

The Stretcher boy's head was cut in lots

of places and his body was a mass of ruises from his fall between the cars. Had the ride been much longer the doctors said he would have fainted from loss of blood and both boys would have been cut to pieces.

Nobody around the Grand Central Station yesterday could remember that any one ever rode through the tunnel on a car roof before. The tunnel roof is not more han two and a half feet above the car toofs and with some of the big passenger coaches there is not that much space in parts of the tunnel.

The Gilday boy's body was removed to

Midshipman Drowned at Annapolis.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 15 .- By the capsizing of a sailing launch, containing five miushipmen, this afternoon one of the number, Philip S. Brittingham of Wheeling, W. Va., was drowned. The other four were rescued with difficulty by another boat also manned by midshipmen. Brittingham sank, although brave efforts were made to save him by Midshipmen Blackburn and Stewart,

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD. Grand coach excursion via America's most picturesque rallway to St. Louis, May 17. Ticketa rood 10 days. Leave New York 10 A. M.—Ante.

RUN DOWN BY FURNESSIA. Lumber Schooner Hit Off Fire Island-Five Men Saved.

The Anchor Line steamer Furnessia, Capt. Young, from Glasgow, May 5, ran down another vessel off Fire Island early vesterday morning and for some reason made no report at Quarantine of the incident, although she had five men aboard taken from the other vessel. The orders on board the Furnessia at her pier last night were to withhold the name of the vessel run_down and to allow none of the steamer's crew to go ashore.

Agent William Coverly of the Anchor Line heard at the pier in the afternoon that the boat that was hit was a threemasted schooner of 200 tons, lumber-laden, and bound from some Virginia port to Rockland, Me. In the neighborhood of the pier last night it was said that she was the William Bisbee of Rockland, Me., Capt. Bernet. Whether or not she had more than five of a crew was not to be learned at the

Mr. Coverly heard the schooner's name, but did not remember it. As he understood it, the steamer was feeling her way along at low speed and rammed the schooner fairly amidships. Five men on the schooner, including her skipper, took to their boat and were picked up by the Furnessia, and the schooner floated off through the fog.

Capt. Young of the Furnessia took the rescued men ashore about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. As they left the pier they talked of going out in a tug in the hope of finding the schooner still afloat.

PRIEST WIRELESS INVENTOR. Father Murgas of Wilkesbarre Gets Patents

on His Devices. WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 15 .- A wireless telegraph system invented by Father Joseph Murgas of the Sacred Heart Church, this city, has been perfected, and yesterday he was notified by the Patent Office in Wash ington that the sixth and seventh patents on his apparatus had been granted.

The system, Father Murgas believes, i greatly superior to that of Marconi in that t is more simple and speedy. This is as far as Father Murgas will say, except to add that exhaustive experiments made with it have all been satisfactory, and that it is complete. "If Father Murgas makes money out of it, he says he will devote it

For seven years Father Murgas has been working upon his invention, having 'established his workshop in the rear of the rectory. He has also established a station two miles away from his home, and from these two points the messages have been sent and received in all the stages

of the invention's development. Father Murgas took degrees in electrical science in Vienna eighteen years ago, and has kept abreast of the developments in electricity ever since.

WOMAN HELPED IN SHOOTING. Witness Tells of Seeing Her Give the Re-

volver to a Man. Three men were in the Essex Market police court yesterday and were remanded for examination in the hope that the police may learn something from them about the shooting of Michael Meyers of 160 Ridge street early yesterday morning.

The prisoners are John Sevick and John Kallack of 160 Ridge street and Frederick Ward of 148 Ridge street. The shooting took place in a yard in the rear of the tenement at 150 Ridge street.

Ward's wife was looking out of the rear window of her rooms when she heard a shot. She summoned her husband and told him that she saw a woman hand a man a revolver and saw the man shoot another man with it. Then, she said, the man handed to the woman the revolver, which she con-

cealed. Ward rushed to the Union Market police station and told Capt. Daly what Mrs. Ward had told him. Several detectives were sent to the yard, where they found Meyers lying on the ground and Sevick and Kalack alongside of him. When the detectives arrested the two men the prisoners leclared that Ward did the shooting.

Ward protested, saying that he could easily prove that he was in his home at the time, but the detectives decided to arrest him. A revolver was found where Mrs. Ward said she saw the woman hide it.

Meyers, who had been shot in the head was taken to Gouverneur Hospital, where it was said he would probably die. The three prisoners were taken before him several hours later, after he regained consciousness, but he failed to identify either of them as his assailant.

In the police court Capt. Daly told Magistrate Flammer that he believed that Ward had nothing to do with the affair, but the Magistrate decided to hold all three pending further investigation.

COACHLOAD IN THE DITCH. Star Theatre Grub Hunters Spilled From

Their Tally-Ho, but No One Was Hurt. A big four-horse tally-ho, loaded down with some forty members of the Star Theatre Grub Hunters' Club, started yesterday afternoon to return from City Island, where the club had been having an outing. It hadn't been a dry Sunday at the island.

At Third avenue and 149th street the subway diggers have left a ditch fifty feet along the avenue three or four feet wide and four feet deep. It is guarded by a flimsy fence. The driver of the tally-ho

didn't know that the hole was there. As the tally-ho went bowling along, its occupants shouting and blowing horns, the front wheels of the tally-ho hit the fence and knocked it down. The wheels went into the excavation. The tally-ho tipped over at an angle of 45 degrees. The forty Grub Hunters were dumped

out in a heap. None of them was hurt, but they were mad. They said that it was all the driver's fault and that he was in no

condition to drive anyway.

The driver promptly put the blame on the city. He said that no red signal lights had been shown. When the police of the Alexander avenue station and the Morales of the mis-Alexander avenue station and the mis-risania station got to the scene of the mis-hap they found the angry club members threatening street car conductors with bodily harm for not having hung out red

It took the police nearly in hour to get ropes and pull the wheels of the tally-ho out of the hole. In the meahtime the electric cars of the Third avenue line running to Westebester avenue, West Farms and Fordham, and the Mount Ve.non and Willis avenue cars on 149th street were blocked. avenue cars on 149th street were blocked.
When the tally-ho had been righted, the
members of the Star Theatre Grub Hunters'
Club resumed their places and went home.
No arrests were made.

GLOOMY STATE COMMITTEEMEN

REPORT THE PARTY RENT ASUNDER UNDER ODELL.

The Governor-Chairman Has Convoked Them for Friday-When He Has Named His Executive Committee He Will Pick Out the Next Legislature, Perhaps,

Governor-Chairman Odell has called his Republican State committee to meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Friday at noon. The Governor-Chairman is then to name his nine or eleven executive committeemen (he is to determine the number in the meantime), and William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, according to the programme, is to be reelected chairman of the committee. A number of Republican State committee-

men from the up-State districts were in town last night at the Cadillac and the Manhattan, and it was their opinion that the Governor-Chairman is to get right to work on the next Legislature, and that only Assembly and Senate candidates to be named by the Governor-Chairman are to be elected. Furthermore, it was the belief of these committeemen that the Governor-Chairman is to postpone as long as possible all selections for his State ticket to be nominated in the fall by his State convention. It was interesting, and yet not very instructive, to listen to the comments of

these State committeemen on the condition of the Republican party in the State since the advent of Governor-Chairman Odell, and more particularly since he dethroned Senator Platt as leader. According to the statements heard the party is torn with internal dissensions, the direct result of deception, and broken promises, so that even Odell adherents are suspicious of each other and more especially suspicious of the good faith of their Governor-Chairman.

"You can't tell who's who," said a Repubican in Odell's train. "We don't know much about the Governor or his intentions and we have had some poor experiences of late. It is plain that Odell cannot hold the party together. All sorts of charges of bad faith are heard in almost every county in the State and the party is breaking up into bitter factions with a dozen warring leaders, some grasping for power and others reaching for contracts. The outlook is not pleasant by any means, and the one consolation we now have is the bitter quarrel between Murphy of Tammany and McCarren of Kings. The post office frauds, the canal vote, the distrust of all Republicans close to the Governor and the charges of insincerity made against him are only some of our troubles. Maybe they will clear up; I hope so, and yet I am not so very hopeful. If we had to go to the polls or June 1 in the State and national contests we would lose New York by 50,000 to 75,000.

STRYCHNINE FOR HEADACHE. Choir Singer of Cleveland Killed Through the Mistake of Her Chum.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 15 .- Miss Nina Shepheard, the leading singer in the Congregational Church of East Cleveland, took strychnine this morning, believing it to be a headache powder. The fatal mistake was made by her chum, Miss Grace Sanborn, the daughter of H. R. Sanborn, cashier

of the State National Bank of this city. Miss Shepheard spent the night with Miss Sanborn at the latter's home and complained this morning of a severe headache. Miss Sanborn sent the servant after headache powders used by herself. The servant brought the strychnine, and it was Miss Sanborn who handed the poison to her

Miss Shepheard was seized with convulsions and died an hour later. Her father and mother reached her only a few minutes

before she died.

LILLIAN WHITING ACCUSED. Boston Woman Writer Charged With Conspiracy in Transfer of Realty.

BOSTON, May 15 .- Miss Lillian Whiting, the well known writer of Boston, has been made a party to an unusual legal case in Colorado. By an affidavit filed in Greeley. in that State, the author of spiritual and ethical books is charged with conspiring with Ralph C. Meeker, a New York newspaper man, to defraud his sister, Roseine E Meeker.

The coupling of Miss Whiting's name with that of Mr. Meeker is the result of a contest over the ownership of property in Greeley. Mrs. Arville B. Meeker, th widow of Nathan Cook Meeker, who was a business associate of Horace Greeley and the victim of an Indian massacre while acting as a confidential agent of President Grant, lives in Greeley. Last winter she was ill of pneumonia, and Miss Whiting who had formed the acquaintance of the family through her efforts to have the aged woman's expired pension renewed, went to Greeley and assisted in caring for her. During her illness Mrs. Meeker con

veyed all her real estate to her daughter. After her recovery the mother remen bered nothing of the transaction, and steps were taken by her and her son to have the deeds set aside. After they had filed their writs the daughter answered them, alleging that a conspiracy existed, in which Miss Whiting was concerned, to defraud

her of her property. Miss Whiting said te-day:
"I never heard of the Meekers until four years ago, when Mrs. Livermore mentioned to me the case of Mrs. Meeker, whose husband was the victim of an Indian massacre during the Grant administration, and whose pension had expired. I interested myself in her case and was instrumental in securing a renewal of her pension. While, working on the case I met Mr. Meeker and Miss Meeker. There is absolutely no reason why my name is absolutely no reason why my name should have been dragged into this case."

JILTED GIRL KILLS HERSELF. Drinks Polson at the Former Home of Man Who Cast Her Off.

An attractive and neatly dressed young woman called at 220 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday noon and inquired about a man whose name she gave. Being told that he had left the city she began to weep. To a sympathetic woman, who listened. she said the man had been very attentive to her, but recently had ceased to visit

This was on one of the upper floors. The young woman then went down to the hall on the ground floor and swallowed two ounces of carbolic acid.

ounces of carbolic acid.

Mrs. Mary Neary, a tenant, who discovered her, had an ambulance surgeon summoned from Seney Hospital. The young woman died fifteen minutes later. Before dying she said she was Katie Green, 20 years old, a working girl, and that she boarded at 45 Hoyt street. At the latter place it was learned that a young woman of that name had a furnished room there.

CHANGE IN ELECTORAL TICKET. Decision Said to Be Adverse to Messrs

Woodward, Whitney and Straus. The committee of lawyers appointed by Cord Meyer, chairman of the Democratic State committee, to inquire as to the eligibility of James T. Woodward, Harry Payne Whitney and Isidor Straus to be Presidential electors, is to hand in its report to Chairman Meyer some day this week. Objection was raised against the three on the ground that they are connected with national banking institutions and that therefore they are inhibited from acting as electors under the United States

Constitution, which declares that "no Senator or Representative or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States shall be appointed as elector. It was said last night that the committee of lawyers, which is made up of William B. Hornblower, DeLancey Nicoll and Adrian H. Joline, will report that there is sufficient doubt as to the eligibility of Messrs. Woodward, Whitney and Straus to warrant their retirement. Messrs. Woodward, Whitney and Straus have had no desire, whatever to complicate the situation by remaining on the ticket, but they resented the effort by certain of the overzealous to bludgeon them into retirement. The Democratic State committee has power to fill all vacancies.

TO END ILLINOIS DEADLOCK. Report That an Ambassadorship Has Been

Offered to Gov. Yates to Withdraw. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 15.-It is reported here to-night that Gov. Yates has received an offer through Speaker Cannon of the office of Ambassador to Mexico if he will withdraw as a candidate for Governor before the State convention now in session here, in the interest of harmony and thus end the deadlock.

The offer was made advisedly by Speaker Cannon, who declared he would vouch for President Roosevelt standing by the promise. It is said that it was made in the presence of Senator Hopkins and Congressman Lorimer.

Goy. Yates indignantly declined the proposition, saying he intended to be Governor or nothing.

All day conferences were held to try to end the Republican deadlock. The Deneen people made a proposition to the Yates people to end the struggle by giving the Yates people the rest of the ticket if they would unite to name Dencen for Governor. The convention will meet again to-morrow afternoon.

FIVE FALSE ALARMS.

Cop Saw the Men Who Rang Them, but Couldn't Catch Them.

Some person who evidently thought that the firemen weren't thred enough after the parade on Saturday rang five false alarms of fire from the boxes at Houston street and the Bowery and Prince and Elizabeth streets between 2 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning

Deputy Chief Cruger, with two battalion chiefs, three engines and two trucks responded on each alarm.

The first alarm was sent from the Bowery and Houston street, the next from Eliza beth and Prince streets, then another within ten minutes from the same box followed by two more from Houston street and the Bowery. The firemen no sooner got back to their houses than they were jumped back again to one or the other of the two boxes. Shortly after 3 o'clock Policeman Hines

of the Mulberry street station saw two men walk up to the box at the Bowery and Houston street. One of the men took out his handkerchief and used it to muffle the sound of the bell which rings when the door of the box is opened.

Hines, who is fat, was half a block away He did his best to run. The men saw him before they had had time to pull the hook and they ran up the Bowery. Hines didn't catch them, but after that there were no

TO BREAK MRS. DODGE'S WILL First Husband of the Woman Who Left \$500,000 to a Preacher Objects.

Boston, May 15 .- Andrew Sweetser o Lynn, first husband of Mrs. Abbie R. Dodge, who died recently at Jacksonville, Fla., willing her fortune of \$500,000 to the Rev Angus McDonald, paster of a Bar Harbor church, has begun proceedings to have the will broken.

His principal ground for asking that the money go to the dead woman's family, nstead of the young minister, is that the foundation for the fortune, something over \$35,000, was taken from him without his consent by his wife when she deserted him a quarter of a centruy ago.

Sweetser married his wife in 1860 and after the war they went to Yankton, S. D. Horace O. Dodge was a boarder at a hotel kept by Sweetser, and during the latter's bsence from town, Mrs. Sweetser and Dodge eloped, taking \$35,000 of his money. Sweetser says his wife went to Jackson ville and opened a hotel. After he obtained

a divorce she married Dodge.

Sweetser says that one day when Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were in Boston, the former "juraped the town," carrying away a satchel that contained \$50,000 and a lot of diamonds owned by Mrs. Dodge with him. Dodge died about five years ago.

ROSEMARY GIRLS WALK IN RAIN. Start in a Downpour From Armonk for

Danbury-Stayed in Armonk Over Night. PORT CHESTER, May 15. - Despite a neavy downpour of rain the Rosemary Hall girls, who left their seminary at Greenwich on Thursday for a week's tramp, continued their journey to-day.

The girls, numbering about twenty-five, accompanied by their principal, Miss Rutzrees, reached Armonk last night, but owing at the boarding house of Hobart Cox in-stead of camping in the woods. They arose early this morning, and dressing in their sweaters and boots, put out across country toward Danbury, Conn., where they will stay to-morrow and then proceed to-ward Greenwich. to a threatened shower stopped over night

ward Greenwich.

Their cooking utensils and refreshments are being carried along with them in a wagon. The trip is made for exercise and to obtain a view of the sountry. Most of the young women have worked hard all winter at their studies and are in need of relevation.

Burnett's Extract of Vanilla Is the standard everywhere. Sold by best grocers

MISS ROOSEVELT AS A WHIP.

PREFERS A SUNDAY OUTING TO GOING TO CHURCH.

Comes Into Philadelphia to Take Mrs. Roosevelt for a Drive-Latter Declines to Go and Doesn't Persuade Miss Roosevelt to Go to Church With Her. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 15 .- Mrs. Roose-

velt wanted to go to church to-day and Miss Roosevelt didn't, so she went driving. After that Miss Roosevelt took a spin down the river on a city fireboat, held the reins over the backs of Congressman Morrell's smartest four-in-hand horses, looked over his golf links, and took the Washington express for the capital. The express stopped at Torresdale especially for her. "It has been a great day," called Miss Roosevelt to Col. Morrell as he and his rife waved her farewell.

Miss Roosevelt left San Jose shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. San Jose is Col. Morrell's place at Torresdale, and she had spent the night there. Behind two of her host's cobs she drove down to the Spruce street residence of Mrs. Brook, where Mrs. Roosevelt was stopping. "We've come to take you out driving," she called.

with me," said Mrs. Roosevelt. "But it's a beautiful day for driving," said Miss Roosevelt.

"I was waiting for you to go to church

"It's a beautiful day to go to church," said Mrs. Roosevelt. Then they talked together earnestly. After that Miss Roosevelt went back into

the carriage and Mrs. Roosevelt went to St. Luke's Church, where she sat through the service with few knowing her. Miss Roosevelt drove down Chestnut street. Then she boarded the fire tug Ashbridge, which took her down past League Island. Returning, it dropped her at the Torresdale wharf. There the

one of Col. Morrell's four-in-hands, cracked the whip and drove off like a veteran. There was a late luncheon and then dash for the Washington express. Mrs. Roosevelt will remain with the Brooks until to-morrow.

President's daughter mounted the box of

SUICIDE FROM A TRAIN. Man Ties a Rope to the Brake, and to His Neck and Jumps Off

STUART, Neb., May 15 .- Swinging to one end of a rope which was around his neck, the other end being tied to a car brake the body of Ludwig Radel, a wealthy farmer, was yesterday afternoon found bounding along in the rear of a Northwestern passenger train.

Radel had committed suicide by jumping from the moving train with the rope around his neck and had been dragged several miles before being discovered Almost every bone in his body was broken. Several times recently Radel had threatened suicide. Yesterday he boarded s Northwestern passenger train and went to the rear platform. Shortly afterward the conductor found the body being dragged by the train.

GIRL RURAL MAIL CARRIER. Miss Lane, Aged 19, Takes a Job That Two Men Have Given Up.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 15 .- After two men had resigned because of the rigors of the place, Miss Ruth Lane, 19 years old a graduate of Tabor Academy and educated for a teacher, has been appointed rural mail carrier. In the recent civil service examination for candidates Miss Lane

The first two applicants had a trial at the work during the winter and resigned One of the requirements is to cover twice daily a route of twenty miles. In winter the route is full of difficulties, in many places being practically impassable. In the last Uncle Sam's mail again after a year.

four years none of the men cared to carry Miss Lane, who is a Western girl born and bred, a crack rifle shot and a fine horsewoman, says she is confident she can do

DROVE THE NEGRO OUT. Daughters of a Preacher Frighten a Mid-

night Intruder in Their Home. ARDMORE, Pa., May 15 .- Miss Rena Bird Colby and her sister, Miss Mary, daughters of the Rev. Frank C. Colby, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ardmore, drove a negro out of their house shortly after midnight this morning. The two girls were chatting in the library just before going to their rooms, when they found a

huge negro staring at them from the liorary entrance. "What do you want?" said the elder

sister. "Something to eat," said the negro gruffly, and he moved toward the girls Quick as thought they were both on their feet and seizing the chairs they sat upon swung them over their heads as the man

"Out of the door," cried Miss Colby. The negro at once leaped from the room and dashed out of the house.

GEORGE WENTWORTH TO WED. Cards Out for His Marriage-Breach of

Promise Suit Pending Against Him. EXETER, N. H., May 15 .- The fact that a breach of promise suit in which damages of \$25,000 are claimed is pending in the courts has not deterred George Wentworth, son of Prof. George A. Wentworth, the well known writer of mathematical text books, from falling in love with another woman. Yesterday's mail brought vitations to Exeter people to attend his marriage to Miss Alice Maud Simpson of York Harbor, Me., on May 25.

Mr. Wentworth, who is wealthy, is graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and studied at Harvard, returning here to assist his father in his work. He is a member of the Exeter School Board and a trustee of Robinson Seminary.

Several months ago he was sued for breach of promise by Miss Josephine M. Read, of this town. She is slightly older than Wentworth, who is 36, and because of reverses her mother has been forced to keep a boarding house for academy stu-dents. For a long time Wentworth was devoted to Miss Read and it was not until he met Miss Simpson at a card party given here that he ceased calling at the boarding

Acrenaut Drowned in Kansas VANBUREN, Ark., May 15 .- E. E. Limbecker, a professional aeronaut, made a parachute leap from a balloon yesterday afternoon. He alighted in the Arkapsas River near this city and was drowned.

COUNTESS WEDS HER COACHMAN. MOYING FORWARD TO BATTLE Dowager Emma of Ravensworth Is 59 and He's a Young Man

Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUN. LONDON, May 15.-The facts of a wedding which occurred at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, on April 30, have just been made public. On that date Emma, Dowager Countess of Ravensworth, who is 59 years old, was married to her third husband, James William Wadsworth, a smart, handsome young man. For four months previous to the wedding Wadsworth had been the Countess's coachman. During the week following the wedding the bridegroom continued to dwell in the King street mews and fulfilled the duties of a coachman, but he is now with his bride on a honey

moon trip in the country. The wedding occurred at 8:45 o'clock in the morning. Nobody was present save the officiating curate, the clerk and two witnesses.

The bride is a daughter of the late Right Hon. Richard Denman. She was first married to Major Baker Cresswell in 1872, and secondly to the second Earl of Ravens-

DETECTIVES HELD UP ARCHDUKE. Thought Franz Ferdinand of Austria Was a Fugitive Embezzier.

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUN LONDON, May 16 .- A despatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says that Archduke Franz Ferdinand heir to the Austrian throne, arrived at Hamburg on Saturday incognito on his way to England. He was about to take a boat to the steamer when he was arrested by a detective, who thought he was a fugitive Austrian embezzler.

He explained his identity, whereupon the detective said: "Any one can say that," but he finally succeeded in convincing the detective.

After the Archduke was taken to the police station he produced his papers.

DR. DE COSTA VERY ILL.

Priest Who Was a Protestant Minister Now

In St. Vincent's Hospital. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Costa, who was a Protestant Episcopal clergyman here when he was converted to Roman Catholicism and who was ordained to the priesthood by a Cardinal at Rome, returned from that city two weeks ago and is now in St. Vincent's Hospital very ill. Consultations have failed to discern any organic disease, but there is a general wasting of his system and his life is steadily slipping away. Dr. De Costa has failed in health since he began his studies for the Catholic priesthood three years ago, and he has weakened perceptibly since his ordination at Rome last November, Even at that time, he was too weak to officiate and by a special dispensation his ordination was hastened through.

RECEPTION TO AN OLD SERVANT. Members of the Bennett Family Celebrate a Silver Jubilee.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., May 15 .- At the home of Mrs. Isalah B. Bennett of 12 Grove place, East Orange, an informal reception was given to-day in honor of Mrs. Lizzie Knox Baker, who for twenty-five years has been employed as a domestic in the Bennett household. The reception was held as a testimonial to the faithfulness and devotion of Mrs. Baker and was atintimate friends.

For more than a quarter of a century Mrs. Baker has been a widow. She is a laughter of the late John Knox of Newton. N. J. and is 54 years old. Before entering the employ of Mrs. Bennett she had served in St. Barnabas Hospital in Newark, and it was during her stay in that institution that she met Mrs. Bennett. On May 5. 1879, Mrs. Baker was duly ordained presiding genius of the Bennett establishment. A number of gifts were presented to Mrs. Baker to-day and she was showered with thanks by the members of the household Afterward a luncheon was served.

NOT RECRUITING FOR CHINA. Suspicion That Men Are Being Organized

Here to Ald Chinese Reformers. WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The Chinese legation gave out a statement to-day in regard to the reports that Edmund F. English of Yankton, S. D., was recruiting officers in the United States for the Chinese imperial reform army. It said that if any such re-cruiting for the Chinese military service was

cruiting for the Chinese military service was going on the legation would have heard of it, and it hadn't heard.

It is suspected here that there is a movement on foot in this country to organize men to help the reformers in their desire to overthrow the Chinese Government. A progressive Chinese, who was a favorite of the Emperor and was banished by the Emperor and was banished by the them. press Dowager, is supposed to be at the bottom of the recruiting movement.

LYNCHERS WOULDN'T WAIT. Court Couldn't Convene for Two Weeks and So They Killed a Negro.

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 15 .- Charles Cumming, the negro who was arrested on Thursday at Appling Court House after confessing that he assaulted Miss Dora Clem, was taken from Appling jail at 2 o'clock this morning and lynched in the woods.

Since Thursday a lynching had been averted by promises on the part of the authorities that a special term of court would be held immediately, but when it was found yesterday that this would not be possible for about two weeks the people were no longer controllable.

The Judge of this circuit has just died and his successor will not qualify until Tuesday. After that the law requires ten days notice before a special term can ming, the negro who was arrested on Thurs-

ten days notice before a special term can be held.

"STEEPLE JACK" A SUICIDE. William McCready Hangs Himself in a Chicago Church Spire.

CHICAGO, May 15 .- William Johnston, sometimes known as William McCready of Pittsburg, but better known as the "Steeple Jack" or "Human Fly," famous the world over for his daring work on church the world over for his daring work on church steeples, committed suicide here to-day by hanging himself in the spire of the Im-manuel Baptist Church.

McCready was 56 years old. No reason can be assigned for the act.

King's Letter to Stanley's Widow. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 15.-King Edward has

ent an autograph letter to Lady Stanley, widow of Sir Henry M. Stanley, stanley, widow of Sir Henry M. Stanley, saying: "I had the great advantage of knowing your distinguished husband personally. I often heard from his own lips the most interesting accounts of his grand travels and explorations and the valuable services he rendered the civilized world. The great name he won will ever live after him.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

JAPANESE ADVANCE ON SEVERAL ROADS-SOME SKIRMISHES.

No Mention in Russian Official Report of a General Engagement-Port Arthur Ready for Defence-Russia Reports Trouble With Chinese Bandits-United States Cruiser Reaches Chofee.

An official Russian report of operations up to Saturday tells of the advance of the Japanese along several roads and of skirmishing between the Cossacks and the outposts of the enemy. The rumored big battle at Siuyen is now described as a small engagement with a Japanese patrol. Several similar clashes have occurred. The Russian commander also reports

trouble with Chinese bands who have attacked outposts at several points. Bandits are also said to be attacking Newchwang in hope of looting the town before the Japanese arrive. A messenger who got out of Port Arthur.

just before the Japanese cut communication with the place a second time brings a report that the work of repairing the damaged warships is proceeding. This disposes of the Tokio rumor that the Russians were blowing up their ships.

That the Russians intend to make a vigorous defence of Port Arthur is shown by another report, which tells of the digging of immense trenches and the mounting of big guns to command the land approaches.

The United States cruiser New Orleans has arrived at Chefoo, a short run from the port of Newchwang.

OUTPOST SKIRMISHING.

Cossacks Keep in Touch With the Advanc-Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15 .- Gen. Sakha-

roff, in a despatch dated Saturday, says: "The advance guard of the enemy advanced on May 12 to Tanintzon, between Fengwangcheng and Liaoyang. One or two sotnias of Cossacks retired toward Kantsaondiantig. A Japanese force of three battalions of infantry, ten guns and two squadrons of cavalry having left Seludtchjan was en route for Madonlinsay (Motien?) Pass, and on May 11 was in Tafanhoon Valley. Since then no news has been received of the force in the pass, which leads to the conclusion that this detachment

turned off westward toward Haicheng. "A detachment of the Japanese advance guard left Touinpou on May 13 and moved to the south. It was pursued by Cosssoks of our advance, who exchanged shots with the Japanese rear guard for half as hour. Then having discovered an ambuscade they retired. The sotnia's scouts accertained that a Japanese force of two regiments of infantry, eight guns and three squadrons of cavalry had approached Lin-

diapontse and Errtacfan. "Our line of patrols between Sanshanhuan and Saimadza skirmished with Chunchuses. Three Cossacks and three horses were tended by members of the family and a few killed. One Cossack was wounded and four are missing. Measures have been taken to clear the district of Chunchuses. The enemy's scouts have appeared about twenty-five kilometres southeast of Mandon-

> lineav Pass. "A reconnoitring party despatched from Tchintaidza did not discever any considerable number of the enemy. Chinese reports state that Takushan and Tchintaidza are occupied by detachments of 500 men each. Stronger forces are at Sitonkhtchidze, sixteen kilometres northwest

"A reconnoitring party returning from Siuyen had a skirmish with a small Japanese. patrol. One Japanese dragoon was killed. One Cossack was slightly wounded. - There is no news from Silitchmaiputze." LONDON, May 16.-The evidence grows

that the Japanese are developing their design without interruption or delay. Gen. Kuroki, commander of the First Japanese Army Corps, reports the occupation of Kauntiencheng, sixty miles northeast of Fengwangcheng, on May 7; Scioyin, sixty miles east of Liaoyang, was occupied on Thursday, while the rumor that Siuyen was occupied after an engagement, leads to the deduction that the Japanese plan to mask Port Arthur with a relatively small force, and to endeavor to envelop and destroy Gen. Kouropatkin's force before it can be organized and reenforced.

The St. Petersburg estimate of the number of Japanese actually landed is taken as probably near the truth, that is, eight divisions of 23,000 men each. There may be more, but the available statistics show even as matters stand that the Russian field force is inferior to the armies advancing against it.

The Times estimates that Gen. Kourspatkin has no more than 100,000 men and 256 guns, apart from his heavy guns, to defend 100 miles of front from Newchwang to Mukden. These are drawn up parallel to his line of communications, and there is only a single line of retreat.

RUMOR OF BATTLE.

Chinese Port Hears That Fight Has Gecurred at Kaiping. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. SHANHAIKWAN, May 15 .- No further details are reported of the battle at Shuyen.

ping, southeast of Newchwang, is received with reserve LAST WORD FROM PORT ARTHUR.

A native rumor of heavy fighting at Kai-

Damaged Warships. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. St. PETERSBURG, May 18 .- Under date of yesterday Admiral Alexieff telegraphs

Russians Still at Work on Repairs to the

to the Czar as follows: "I beg to respectfully commu

your Majesty Admiral Witgerts's report from Port Arthur, covering the period